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Passport - warning to travellers applying for Visas or endorsements for the United Kingdom - Restrictions on Value of Sterling notes importable into, or exportable from the United Kingdom - Foreign Office - circular - recorded

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS.

EXPRESS LETTER.

From. . . . . Foreign, New Delhi.

To . . . . . .

1. The Home Secretary to the Government of Madras.
2. " Chief " " Bombay, Political and Services Department.
3. " " " " Bengal (West)
4. " Home " " The United Provinces.
5. " " " " the Punjab (East)
6. " Chief " " Bihar.
7. " " " " the C.P. and Berar.
8. " " " " Assam.
9. " " " " Orissa.
10. The Chief Commissioner, Coorg.
11. The Chief Commissioner, Delhi.
12. " " " Ajmer-Merwara
13. " " " Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
14. The Regional Commissioner for the States in Western India and Gujrat, Rajkot.
15. The Reginal Commissioner for States, Rajputana, Abu.
16. The Reginal Commissioner for States, Central India, Indore.

No. F.19(14)-PV(I)/48 dated the 2nd August, 1948.

Subject:- Restriction in value of Sterling Notes importable into, or exportable from the United Kingdom.

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Referecne Express Letter from the late External Affairs Department, No. D.4909-Pt/46, dated the 1st August, 1946.

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2. A copy of circular issued by the Foreign office, London, No.36 (T 6811/199/373), dated the 15th May 1948, containing revised instructions in regard to restrictions on the value of Sterling Notes importable into, or exportable from, the United Kingdom, is forwarded herewith, for information and guidance.

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The Issue of the above has been authorised.

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Under Secretary to the Government of India.

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Copy (with enclosure) forwarded to:-

1. The Ministry of Finance, with reference to their u.o.No. 1617 EF I/48 dated the 28th June, 1948.
2. Ministry of Home Affairs.
3. Director Intelligence Bureau.

By order, etc.,

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UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

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CIRCULAR No.36

FOREIGN OFFICE,

15th May, 1948.

RESTRICTIONS ON VALUE OF STERLING NOTES IMPORTABLE INTO, OR EXPORTABLE FROM, THE UNITED KINGDOM

Sir,

I TRANSMIT herewith a copy of a circular letter to the Heads of Diplomatic Missions in London regarding the regulations now in force limiting the amount of currency in the for of banknotes which may be brought into or taken out of the United Kingdom by travellers arriving at or departing from ports or airports in this country.

I shall be glad if, when the opportunity presents itself (for example, at the time of the grant of visas), foreign government officials or distinguished foreign personages proceeding to the United Kingdom can be given an oral warning of the importance of conforming to the regulations.

A circular in similar terms is being sent to His Majesty's Representative (as No.067)

I am
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
ERNEST BEVIN.

To His Majesty's Consular and
Passport Control Officers
authorised to grant visas.

Enclosure

T 4801/199/373

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.,

24th March, 1948.

I venture to address Your Excellency on the subject of the restrictions now in force limiting the amount of currency in the from of banknotes which may be brought into or taken out of the United Kingdom by travellers arriving at or departing from ports or airports in this country.

My reason for doing so is that various cases have arisen in recent months which suggest that there may be an imperfect comprehension of the requirements of those regulations both on the part of travellers generally

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and on ~~thatand-ei~~ that of distinguished foreign visitors and members of the Diplomatic Body. In thés latter class of cases inconvenience and embarrassment are likely to be caused to the individuals concerned as well as to the British authorities, and it is my hope that you will cause the contents of this letter to be made known to all the members of your Mission and will also convey them to the proper authorities of your Governmeant ~~en~~ inprder that there may be no room for misapprehension in the future as to the tenour of the regulations, which is as follows.

Under the terms of the Currency Restrictions and Travellers Exemptions Order of 1947, dated the 21st August, 1947 (S.R. & O. 1947, No.1804), the amount of United Kingdom banknotes which may be brought into the United Kingdom by any person who travels to the United Kingdom from some place outside the United Kingdom other than the Channel Islands and Eire, or who touches at any place outside the United Kingdom while travelling from the Channel Islands or Eire, is limited to £5 sterling in value; a similar limit of £5 sterling is placed on the value of ~~th~~ the banknotes which an outgoing traveller may take with him on leaving the United Kingdom. The restrictions imposed by the Order are applicable without discrimination to all travellers, and no exception to its provisions can ~~b~~ be allowed, e.g., on gounds of diplomatic privilege.

The authorities at United Kingdom ports and airports will continue to treat diplomatic travellers with particular courtesy and consideration. But I know you will understand that it is the duty of the port authorities to enforce the law as it stands, and that it is not within their competence to make exceptions to the regulations in deference to pleas~~e~~ for special treatment.

I trust that my letter will help to make the position clear, and will remove ~~may~~ any doubts which may have existed concerning the scope of the above-mentioned regulations.

I would add, in conclusion, that foreign banknotes ma, be imported into the United Kingdom without restriction. If, however, a traveller, being a non-resident of the United Kingdom, intends to take them out of the United Kingdom on his departure, he should ensure that the Immigration Officer is informed to this effect on his arrival in the United Kingdom. The Immigration Officer will then make the passport to show the actual amount of foreign currency notes brought into the United Kingdom, and the traveller will be at liberty to take these out with him when he leaves.

Believe me,

My dear

Yours sincerely,

R.DUNBAR.

To the Heads of

Foreign Diplomatic Missions

in London.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Abstract

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